

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. Claims 4-5, 8, 12, and 15 are cancelled, and claims 16-18 are added. Claims 1-3, 6-7, 9-11, and 13-14 remain in this application as amended herein. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 6-7, 9-11, 13-14, and 16-18 are submitted for the Examiner's reconsideration.

In the Office Action, claims 8 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claims 8 and 15 are cancelled.

Claims 1-4, 7-11, and 14-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Katzenstein (U.S. Patent No. 5,245,332) in combination with Yamanouchi (U.S. Patent No. 5,130,522); claims 5 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Katzenstein in combination with Yamanouchi and further in view of Bell (U.S. Patent No. 3,981,011); and claims 6-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Katzenstein in combination with Yamanouchi and further in view of Auer (U.S. Patent No. 3,377,616). Claims 4-5, 8, 12, and 15 are cancelled. Applicants submit that the remaining claims are patentably distinguishable over the cited references.

Claim 1, for example, defines a communication system in which a second communication apparatus includes:

transmitting means for transmitting a first signal from the first communication apparatus to the second communication apparatus using an electromagnetic wave of a first operational frequency, *the first signal being a command*, for transmitting a further signal from the first communication apparatus to the second communication apparatus using the electromagnetic wave of the first operational frequency *after said transmitting of the first signal*, and for transmitting a sequence of check pulses to said second communication apparatus concurrent with said transmitting of the further signal using an electromagnetic wave of a second operational frequency whereby a given one of the sequence of check pulses is

transmitted at a predetermined time interval after the transmitting of its immediately preceding check pulse; (emphasis added)

and in which a second communication apparatus includes:

using means for using the received further signal to generate internal power *in response to receiving the first signal[.]* (Emphasis added.)

The sections of the references that are cited by the Examiner, whether taken alone or in combination, do not disclose or suggest signals that are transmitted or used in the above manner, and therefore claim 1 is patentably distinct and unobvious over the cited references.

Independent claims 2, 3, 9, and 14 each include limitation similar to those set out in claim 1 and are therefore distinguishable over the cited references for at least the same reasons.

Claim 6 depends from claim 3 and claims 10-11 and 13 depend from claim 9. Therefore, each of these claims is distinguishable over the cited references for at least the same reasons as the claim from which it depends.

Accordingly, the withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 are respectfully requested.

New claim 16 defines a computer-readable medium recorded with instructions for carrying out the method of claim 2, new claim 17 defines a computer-readable medium recorded with instructions for carrying out the method of claim 7, and new claim 18 defines a computer-readable medium recorded with instructions for carrying out the method of claim 14. Each of these claims is therefore distinguishable over the cited art for at least the same reasons.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such

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action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which the Examiner might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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